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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Gopinath Chappidi

Art Unit: 2876

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Examiner: WALSH, DANIEL I

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For: Identifying the Location of an Asset

Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Suprio Dasgupta, declare as follows:

1. I worked as Asia Pacific IP Counsel for Honeywell International Inc. (Assignee of the subject patent application), in a management role, from a date prior to April 28 2003 up to March 30 2004.

2. During the noted duration of April 28 2003 up to March 30 2004, my responsibilities included patent protection and management of Intellectual Property portfolios of Honeywell International Inc (the assignee of the subject patent application) of Asia-Pacific Region.

3. My general philosophy (and thus the intended practice) in the noted duration was to have my staff perform patentability search and analysis, and counsel inventors on the information necessary for preparation of patent applications before assigning each patent application to outside counsels for drafting.

4. Around April 28 2003, I was understaffed in having the tasks noted in point 3 performed and it was not my job to personally perform the tasks noted in point 3.

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5. On or around August 2003, I hired Mr. Subhasish Dasgupta to perform the tasks noted in point 3. Mr. Subhasish Dasgupta was the first engineer I hired in the noted duration to assist me with the tasks of point 3.

6. Between August 2003 and November 2003, I had Mr. Subhasish Dasgupta perform searches and patentability analysis, while consulting with the inventor. We decided to file the instant patent application based on the analysis.

7. From around November 2003 to December 18 2003, I evaluated various counsels with the ability to draft competent patent applications consistent with US laws and practice and decided to assign the instant patent application to Mr. Narendra R Thappeta for drafting and filing with the USPTO.

8. On or around December 18 2003, I assigned the instant application to Mr. Narendra R. Thappeta for preparation and filing as a US patent application

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

February 10, 2006


Suprio Dasgupta